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Dr. Joshua Lederberg,
Professor of Medical Genetics,
Stanford University Medical School,
Palo Alto, California.

Hello Josh,

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I had looked forward to seeing you in the flesh (no pun intended) at the Stuyvesant Alumni Dinner a couple of weeks back. Your many friends were as disappointed as I that you could not be with us. Dr. Tatum accepted the Achievement Award Plaque in your name. He made a few brief, but pointed, remarks anent the need for untrammelled science research. He showed the qualities of the great man that he is by remarking that for the first time in his life he was sorry that he had not lived in New York City as a boy, so that he could have attended Stuyvesant. We'll just have to make him an honorary alumnus.

Jenny H. S. 1959

The problem of delivering the plaque to you (and it is a handsome one, if I do say so) was put in my lap. I would have welcomed the chance to go to California, but sadly, the Alumni funds are being used for scholarships and not for carfare to the coast. I solved the dilemma by talking to Norm Kretschmer. He revealed that he is leaving New York Hospital on July first to go to Stanford and join you at the Med School. I cannot think of a more qualified messenger to turn the plaque over to you. Last week, while a few of us had lunch at Rockefeller with Carl Berkley, I tried to coach Norm in a proper presentation speech, but I suspect that my words are not taken as seriously as they used to be when you fellows sat in my classes.

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I am advising you about Norm's responsibilities, because the rascal said he would probably change the nameplate and substitute his own for it, because it was such a beautiful piece of craftsmanship. So, the sooner you stick a gun in his ribs and make him hand over the award, after he reaches Palo Alto, the more certain you will be of getting it. Too bad it's not a little smaller, because then I'm sure Esther would have liked to wear it as a charm on her bracelet.

Speaking of awards, have you thought of contributing a small part of your ill-gotten Nobel prize money towards the Stuyvesant Scholarship Fund? I am certain that this is an original idea that no more than three or four thousand other people have approached you with, but after all, Stuyvesant has a prior place in your career to most eleemosynary (that's probably misspelled, and I don't even know what it means, but it seems to fit in right there) institutions. We have issued more than \$28,000 worth of scholarships in the few years since the Alumni were reorganized. We know that the money has been well spent, because the recipients have carried forward the Stuyvesant Traditions in their colleges and careers. The awards are made to boys who otherwise would not be able to go to college. Think on it.

For the first time in 20 years my family is remaining home for the summer. I'll be teaching a class in lab techniques at City College and also acting as Demonstrator for an NSF Summer Institute at Bronx Park. If you and your wife should reach New York during the summer we'd be happy to ^{afford you} ~~get~~ some relief from the heat in our cool home at Long Beach, N.Y. The address is 45 Barnes St.

With my warm regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Jerry A. Schur